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Inquiry: Please advise me if I can perform the procedures listed below, as I would be performing these under the supervision of the Pulmonary doctor: (1) Placement of an intravenous line for the collection of multiple blood samples (I am certified to collect venous and arterial blood gases). (2) Administration of a subcutaneous drug (e.g. terbutaline). The training will be by the Pulmonary Physician and a licensed nurse.

Response: Please be advised that the placement of a intravenous line is not verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) but, in the RCB's judgment, highly inferred and allowed.

In response to the question regarding the administration of a subcutaneous drug, be advised that this is nearly verbatim from the RCPA and allowed.

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